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Joseph and his Brethren.

WITH

JACOB's Journey into EGYPT.

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DEATH and FUNERAL ..

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Jacob's Love to Joseph, with Joseph's first Dream.

In Canaan's fruitful Land there liv'd of late, Old Isaac's Heir, bieft with a vast Estate; Near Hebron Jacob so-journ'd all alone, A Stranger in the Land which was his own, Dear to his God, for humble he ador'd him, As Isaac did, and Abraham too before him. And as he was of Store of Wealth posses'd, So with twelve Sons the good old Man was blest; Amongst all whom none his Affection won So much as Jeseph, Rachael's first born Son, He in his Bosom lay, then next his Heart, And with his Joseph would by no Means part. He was the Lad on whom he most did doat, And gave to him a party-colour'd Coat.

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This made his Brethren at young Joseph grudge. And thought their Father loved him too much. As Jacob's Love, their Hatred did increase, That they could hardly speak to him in Peace. But Joseph (in whose Heart the filial Fear Of his Creator only did appear) Not being con cions to himfelf at all He had done ought to move his Brethrens Gall. Did unto them a Dream he had relate. Which, the' it did increase his Brethrens Hate, Did plainly thew forth Soleph's future State. This is the Dream, faid Joseph, I did fee, The Corn was reap'd, and binding Sheaves were we, When my Sheaf only was o'th' fudden found Both to arife and fland upon the Ground : Then your's arose, which round about were laid, And unto mine a low Obeyfance made. Is this your haughty Dream? His Brethren faid, Can your ambitious Thoughts become fo vain? To think that you fould o'er your Brethren reign; Or that we unto you should Tribute pay: And at your Feet our fervile Neeks should lay : Believe us, Brother, this you'll never fee, But your Afpiring will your Rain be. Thus Joseph's Brethren talk'd, and if before They hated him, they did it now much more. The Father lov'd him, and the Lad they thought Took more upon him than indeed he ought.

But they who judge a Matter e'er the Time,
Are very oft involved in a Crime.
Tis therefore always best to wait and see,
What th' Issue of mysterious Things may be:
For they that judge by meer Imagination,
Will find Things contrary to Expectation.

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Juseph's second Dream.

HOW bold is Innocence! how fix'd it grows!
It rears no feeming Friend, nor real Foes.
Tis confcious of no Guile, nor base Designs,
And therefore forms no Plots nor countermines;
But in the Paths of Virtue walks on still,
And as it does noue, so it sears no Isl.

Had dream'd a Dream, and was so very free, the He to his Brethren did his Dream reveal, At which their Hatred scarce they could conceal, But Joseph not intending any Ill.

Dream'd on again, and told his Brethren still,

Methought, as on my flumbering Bed I lay,
I faw a glorious Light more bright than Day:
The Sun and Moon, those glorious Lamps of Heav'n
With glittering Stars, in Number sult Eleven,
Came all to me, on Purpose to adore me,
And every one of them bow'd down before me.
And each when they had thus Obeysance paid,
Withdrew, nor for each other longer staid.

When Joseph then had this his Dream related, Then he was by his Brothers much more hated.

This Dream young Joseph to his father told, Who, when he heard it thinking him too hold, Rebuk'd him thus: What Dream is that I hear? You are infatuated, Child. I fear.

Must I, your Mother, and your Brethren too, Become your Slaves, and all bow down to you?

Thus Jacob chid him, for at prefent he Saw not fo far into Futurity. Yet he did wonder how Things might fucceed. And what for Joseph, Providence decreed ? For well he thought those Dreams were not in vain. Yet knew not how he should those Dreams explain. For those Things oft are hid from human Eyes. Which are by him that rules above the Skies Firmly decreed: Which when they come to know. The Beauty of the Work will plainly show, And all those Brethren that now Joseph hate. Shall there bow down to his Superior Fare. Old Jacob therefore just to make a Show, As if he was displeas'd with Joseph too, Thus feem'd to chide young Joseph, but indeed, To his strange Dreams he gave no little Heed, Tho' how to interpret them he could not tell, Yet in the mean Time he observ'd them well.h

How great's the Difference 'twix: a Father's Love, And Brethrens hatred, may be feen above.

They have their Brother for his Dreams, but he Observes his Words, and willing is to see

What the Eyem in Future Times be.



Joseph taken and put into a Pit by bis Brethren.

THEN Envy in the Heart of Man doth reign, To fliffe its Effects proves of in vain Like Fire conceal'd, which none at first do know, It foon breaks out, and works a World of Wood Young Joseph this by lad Experience knew, And bis Brethren's Envy made him find it true: For they, as in the Sequel we shall fee, Refolv'd upon poor Jefeph's Tragedy. That they might at his Dreams together mock; Which they almost effected, when their Flock In Shechem's fruitful Pields they fed, for there Was Joseph sent to see how they did fare. Foleph his Father readily obeys, And on the pleasing Message goes his Ways. Far off they know, and Joseph's coming Notes For he had on his many-colour'd Coat: Which did their causeless Anger fer on Fire; And they 'gainst Jeseph' presently conspire;

Lo! yonder does the Dreamer come they cry, Now let's agree, and all this Tragedy. And when we've flain him, in some deep-digg'd Pit Let's throw his Carcafe, and then cover it. And if our Father ask for him, we'll fay, We fear he's kill'd by fome fierce Beaft of Prey. This Reuben heard, who was to fave him bent, And therefore faid, their Purpole to prevent, To fhed his Blood I'll ne'er give my Confent. But down fome empty Pit let us him throw, And what we've done, there is no one will know. (This Reuben faid, his Life for to defend, Till he could him home to his Father fend) To Reuben's Proposition they agree, And what came of it we shall quickly see. Joseph by this Time was to his Brethren got. And now Affliction was to be his Lot, They fold him all his Dreams would prove a Lie, For in a Pit he now should starve and die. Joseph did for his Life intreat and pray; But to his Prayers and Tears they answered pay, And from him they took his Coat away, Then in an empty Pit they did him throw, And there left Joseph almost drown'd in Wo, While they to eating and to drinking go.

See here the wild Effects of causeless Rage; In what black Crimes does it oft-times ingage Nearest Relations, setting Brethren on To work their Brother's dire Destruction. But the poor Joseph now i'th' Pit doth lie, 'Twill be his Brethren's Turn to weep and cry.

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Joseph fold into Egypt.

A S Joseph in the Pit condemn'd to die, So did his Grandfather on the Alter lie, The Wood was laid, the facrificing Knife, Was lifted up, to take poor laac's Life. But Heav'n that ne'er defign'd the Lad should die, Stopp'd the bold hand, and fhew'd a Ram hard by. Thus in like Manner did the All-wife decree, His Brethrens Plot should disappointed be. For while within the Pit poor Jojeph lay, And they far down to eat and drink and play, And with rejoicing revel out the Day, Some Ishmaelitish Merchants straight drew near, Who to the Land of Eyept journeying were, To fell some Balm and Mirrh and Spices there, This had on Judah new Impressions made, And therefore to his Brethern thus he faid, Come, Sirs, to kill young Joseph is not good; What Profit will it be to spill his Blood ?" How are we fure his Death we shall conceal? The Birds o'th' Air his Murder may reveal.

Come, let's to Egypt, fell him for a Slave. And we may for him fure fome money have. So from his Blood our Hands shall still be clear. And we for him have no more cause to fear, To which Advice they prefently agreed, And Jafeph from the Pit was drawn with Speed. For twenty Pieces they their Brother fell To th' Ilmaelites, and took their Bargain Well. And thus they to their Brother bid adieu. For he was quickly carried out of View: Reuben this tifue was absent, and not told That Joseph was took out o'th' Pit and fold. And therefore to the Pit return'd, that he Might fet his Father's Joy at Liberty, But when, alas! he found he was not there. He was fo overcome with black Dispair, To rent bis Garments he could not forbear. Then going to his Brethern, O' faid he, The Child is not, and whether shall I flee? But they, not fo concern'd, straight kill'd a Goat, And in the Blood they dipp'd poor Joseph's Coat. And that they all Suspicion might prevent, It by a stranger to their Father fent. Saying, I've found and brought this Coat to know, Whether 'tis thy Son Jefeph's Coat or no? This brought fad Floods of Tears from Jacob's Eyes, Ah! 'tis my Sons, my Joseph's Coat, he cries. Ah! Wo is me, thus wretched and forlorn, For my poor Joseph is to Pieces tara, His Sons and Daugheers comfort him in vain, He can't but mourn, while he thinks Joseph flain, And yet his Sons won't fetch him bank again . Joseph

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Joseph and bis Mistress.

OW much for Joseph's Loss old Jacob griev'd, It was not now his Time to be reliev'd. And therefore let's to Egypt turn our thought, Where we shallfind young Joseph foid and bought By Potiphar, a Captain of the Guard; Sudden the Change, but yet I can't fay hard: For Joseph Mercy in this Change did 'fpy, And thought it better than i'th' Pit to lie, And well might Joseph be therewith content, For God was with him wherefoe'er he went : And the' he did with him Afflictions try, He gave him Favour in his Mafter's Eye. For he each Work he undertook did blefs, And crown'd it with a profperous Success. So that his Mafter him his Sceward made, And Joseph's Orders were all obey'd. In which fuch Care and Diligence he took, His Mafter needed after nothing look. But this Effate poor Joseph long can't hold, His Miftres's Love fo hat foon made his Malter's cold ;

For Joseph was so comely young and wife, His Miftrels on him calt ber lufful Eyes. Joseph perceiv'd it, but no notice took, Nor fearcely on her did her'dare to look. This vex'd her fo the could no more forbear, But auto Jefeph did her love declare. Jefeph wi'h Grief th' unwelcome Tidings heard, But he his Courfe by Heaven's Direction feer'd; And therefore to his Miftress thus did say, O Miltrels, I must herein disobey : My Mafter has committed all to me, That within his House, fave only three, And if I fuch a Wickednels should do. I should offend my God and Master too, And justly should I forfeit my own Life, To wrong my Master's Bed, debauch his Wife; But tho' he thus had given her Denfal, She was refolv'd to make a further Trial. She saw he minded not whate'er the faid, And therefore now another Plot the laid: Joseph one Day fome Bufinels had to do. When none was in the House beside them two, When casting off all Shame, and growing bold, Of Joseph's upper Garment the takes hold. Now, Joseph, you shall lie with me, faid she, For there is nove in the House but you and me. But while the field his Cloak, to make him flay, He left it with her, and made halte away. On this her Luft to Anger turns, and the Cries our, Help, he'p, Jefeph will ravish me. Whole raging Lift I hardly could withkane; Butfe, he has left his Garment in my Hand,

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Joseph cast into the Dungeon.

DOR Joseph's Innocence was no Defence Against this brazen Strumper's Impudence. She first accus'd, and that the might prevail. She to her Huspand thus then cold her Tale: Hift thou this Servant hither brought, that he Might make a Rape upon my Challity ? What the's one come from the Hebrew Stock, Shall he thus at my Virtue Mock? For if I once should yield to throw't away. On such a Wretch, O think what you would far And yet he fought to do't this very Day : Bur when he did my steady Virtue find, He fled, and left his Garment bere behind. No Wonder if this story to well told, Stir'd up his Wrath, and made his Love turo cold. He straight believ'd all that his Wife had laid And Joseph was unheard in Prison laid. Fofeph must now again live under Ground, And in a Dungeon have his Virtue crown'd.

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But the in Prison cast, and bound in Chains, His God is with him, and his Priend remains. So here he with the Goaler Favour finds, That whatsee'er he doth he never minds, The Goaler knows his God is with him still, And therefore lets him do whate'er he will.

King Pharaun's Butler, and his Baker too. Under their Prince's great Difpleafore graw And therefore both of them were put in Ward. As Priloners to the Captain of the Guard. Where Joseph lay, to whom they did declare Their Cale, he ferved them whilft they were there. One Night a feparate Dream to each befel, But what it fignify'd they could not tell. Toleph perceiv'd they were very lad, Demanded what the Dreams were they had had, On which they each their Dream to Jaseph told, Who straight the Meaning of it did unfold: The Butler in three Days reftor'd fhould be, The Baker should be hang'd upon a Tree. Bur when this comes to pass, remember me. Said he to the Butler, for in here I'm thrown. And charg'd with Crimes which are to me unknown. In three Days Time fuch were their different Cafe. The Baker's hang'd, the Butler gains his Place. And be again held Pharaob's Cup in Hand, And flood before him as he us'd to frand. And yet for all that Joseph to him faid, Poleph in Prison two Years longer staid; In all which Time he ne'er of Joseph thought, The' he his Help to earnestly befought.

So in Affliction Promises we make, But when that's o'er, forget whate'er we speak,

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Jeseph's Advancement.

MORE than two Years Joseph in Prison lay, Yet had no Prospect of the happy Day Of his Release, nor any Means could see By which he should be set at Liberty. But God who sent him thither to be try'd, In his due Time his Mercy magnify'd.

For as King Pharach lay upon his Bed,
He had strange Dreams which troubled his Head,
He saw seven well-fed Kine rise out of Nile,
And seven lean ones eat them in a While;
Again he saw seven Ears of Corn that stood
Upon one Stalk, and were both rank and good,
Yet these were eaten up, as the Kine before,
By seven more Ears that were both lean and poor.
What this imported Pharach sain would know,
But there were none as could the Meaning show.
This to the Butler's Mind poor Joseph brought,
Who till that of him had never thought.

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Great Prince, I call to Mind my Fault this Day,
And well remember when in Goal I lay,
I and the Baker each our Dream did tell,
Which a young Hebrew Slave expounded well:
I was advanced, and executed he,
Both as the Hebrew Servant (aid should be,
Go, said the King, and bring him hither straight,
I for his Coming with Impatience wait.

Joseph was put in haltily no Doubt, And now more hastily was he brought out. His Prison Raiment now aside was laid, And being fhav'd, was in new Cloa hs array'd. To Pharach being brought, can'ft thou, faid he, The Dreams that I have dream'd expound to me? 'Tis not in me, great Sir, Joseph reply'd, To fay that I could do't were too much P ide: And fo 'twould be for any that do live. But God to Pharaoh Should an answer give. Then Pharaob did at large his Dream relate, And Joseph fhew'd him Beypt's future Face. Seven Years of Plenty hould to Egypt come, In which they scarce should bring their Harvelt Home, Which by leven Years of Dearth eat up shall be, As were the far Kine by the lean he fee For Famine, Sir, fuid he, provide therefore, And in the Years of Plenty lay up Store. What Joseph faid, feem'd good in Pharaob Eyes, Who did efteem bim of all Men most wife. Since God, faid Pharaoh, has thewn this to thee, Thou fhalt thro' all the Land be next to me, Then made him in the second Charior ride, and bow the Knee before him all Men cry'd.

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Joseph's Brethren come into Egypt to buy Corn.

TOW Jefesh's Lord of Egypt, all Things there, Are by the King committed to his Care, The plenteous Years come on, as Joseph told, The Earth brings forth more than their Barns can hold New Store houses were in each City made, Where all the Corn about it up was laid. Till he had gotten fuch a numerous Store, That 'twas in vain to count it any more, But Famine mext the Plenty does lucceed, And in all Lands but Egypt there was Need. For they neglected to lay up fuch Store, Had fpent their Stock, and so became so poor, That in the Land of Egypt there was Bread, By Fame's loud Trump thro' ev'ry Land was foread. Old Jacob heard is and to his Sons thus faid, Why look you thus, as if you were afraid? There's Corn in Egypt, thither go and try, That we may eat and live, or starve and die. ofeph's ten Brethren thither ftraightway went, beir Corn in Canaan being almost frent.

This Joseph knew, for him they came before, As being Lord of all the Egyptian Store. And as they came, they each to him did bow, (But little thought he had been the Dreamer now) From whence came you? faid Joseph, as they stood, My Lord, faid they, from Canaon, to buy Food. I don't believe it, faid Joseph, very high, I rather think you come the Land to fpy, That you its Nakednels abroad may tell, Come, come, your Purpose I know very well. Let not, faid they, my Lord his Servants blame, For only to buy Corn thy Servants came. Said Folesh fterniv. tell me not thefe Lies. For by the Life of Pharaoh you are Spies. We are twelve Brethren, Sir, they then reply'd, Sons of one man, of which one long fince dy'd; And with our Father we the youngest left, That fo he might not be of him bereft. Hereby, faid Joseph, 'twill be prov'd I trow, Whether what I have faid be true or no. Your youngest Brother fetch, make no Replies, Or by the Life of Pharach you are Spies. On this they into Prison all were brought, Where how they us'd their Brother oft they thought, When they in Prison three Day's Time had staid, He fent for them, and this Proposal made. They to their Father should the Corn convey, And Simeon Should with him a Pris'ner ftay. Until they brought their youngest Brother there, Which should to him their Innocence declare, This they agreed to, and were fent away, Whilft Simeon did behind in Peison Stay.



Benjamin is brought to Joseph.

LD Jacob's Sons come back, to him report How they were us'd at the Egyptian Court: Taken for Spies, and Simon left behind, Till Benjamin shall make the Man more kind. The News old Jacob griev'd unto the Heart, Who by no Means with Benjamin will part. But when the Want of Corn did pinch them lore, And they were urg'd to go again for more, They told their Father they were fully bent To go no more, except their Brother went. Then take your Brother, and arise and go, Said good old Jacob, and the Almighry show You Favour, that you all-may fafe return, And I no more my Children's Lofs may mourn, Then taking Money, and a present too, To Joseph they their youngest Brather shew Then he his Stewards straightway did enjoin To bring those Men to's House with him to dine When Joseph came, he kindly to them fpake, While they to him did low Obedience make.

He ask'd them of their Welfare, and to tell Whether their Father was alive and Well. They answer'd Yes, he did in health remain : And to the Ground bow'd down their Heads again. Then Benjamin he by the Hand did take. And faid, Is this the Youth of whom ye spake? Then God be gracious unto thee my Son. To him he faid, which when as foon as done, Into his Chamber straight he went to weep, For he his Countenance could hardly keep. Then coming out, and fitting down to Meat, He made his Breihren all fit down and eat. He fent to each a Mels of what was best. But Benjamin's much larger then the reft. Then what he further did dogn to do, He call'd his Servant, and to him did show. Put in each Sack as much Corn as they'll hold, And in the Mouth of each Teturn his Gold. And then fee that you take my Silver Cup, And in the Sack of the youngest put it up. The Steward fill'd each Sack as he was bid. And in the Mouth of each their Money hid. Then on the Morrow Morning merry hearted, With this their good Success they all departed. But Jefeph's Steward quickly Spoil'd their Laughter, Who by his Master's Orders soon went after, And to the eleven Brethen thus he spake, Is this the Return you to my Master make? Could you not be contented with the Wine, But seel the Cup in which he doth divine?. This is unkind, and therefore I must fay, You've acted very foolishly To-day.

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Joseph makes bimfelf known to bis Brethern.

HE Steward's irds, put them into a Fright, They wonder'd at his Words, as well they might. Why does my Lord this Charge against us bring? For God forbid we e'er should do such Thing. The Money that within our Sacks was found, We brought from Canaan, then what Ground Have you to think, or to suppose that we Of fuch a Crime as this should guilty be. With whatfoever Man the Cup is found, Both let him die, and we'll be also bound As Slaves unto my Lord. Let it be fo, Reply'd the Steward, we will quickly know Whether 'tis fo or not: Then down they took Their Sacks and into each began to look; And when the Sreward he had fearch'd 'em round, The Cup in the Sack of Benjamin was found. To Joseph therefore ftraightway they repair, To whom he faid, as foon as they got there, How durft you take this Silver Cup of mine? Did ye not think that I could well divine?

Judab reply'd, My Lord, we've nought to fay. But at your Feet ourselves as slaves we lav. No. Do, faid Joseph, there's for that no Ground. He is my Stave with whom the Cup is found: Then Judah unto Joseph drew more near. And faid, O let my Lord and Mafter bear: If we without the Lad should back return, My Father would for ever grieve and mourn? And his grey Hairs with Sorrow we fhould brice Unto the Grave, if we should do this Thing: For when thy Servant's Father would at Home Have kept the Lad, I begg'd that he might come. And faid, if I return him not to thee, Then let the Blame for ever lie on me, Now therefore let him back reto gain, And in his Stead thy Servant with main. For how shall I this piercing Sight endure. Which will I know my Father's Death procure. This Speach of J dah touched Jofeph fo, That he bid all his Servants forth to go: He and his Brethren being all alone. He unto them did thus himfelf make known: I am Joseph, is my Father yet alive? But to return an Answer none did ffrive : For at his Presence they were troubled all, Which made him thus unto his Brethern call: I am your Brother Joseph, him whom ye To Egypt fold, but do not troubled be. For what we did Heav'n did before decree. Then he is Brother Benjamin did kils. Wept on his Nick, and so he did on his. Then kiis'd his Brechten, Wept on them likewise, So that among them there were no dry Eyes.

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Joseph fends for bis Father, who comes into Egypt.

THEN Joseph to his Brethren thus did fay, Unto my Father pray make Hafteraway; Take Food and Waggons here, and do not stay. They went, and Jacob's Spicies did revive, To bear his dearest Joseph was alive. It is enough, then did old Jocob cry, I'll go and fee my Joseph e'er I die. And he had Reason for resolving so, For God appear'd to him, and bade him go. Then into Egypt Jacob went with Speed, Both he, his Sons, and Wives, and all their Seed-And being for the Land of Gofhen bent, Jeseph himself before him did prefent. Great was the Joy they on their Meeting fhew'd. And each the other's Cheeks with Tears bedew'd. Then Joseph did his aged Father bring, Into the Royal presence of the King, Whem Jacob blefs'd, and Pharaob lov'd him well, And bid him in the Land of Gofhun dwell.

Joseph



Jacob's Death and Funeral.

COCOB now having finish'd his last Stage, And come to the End of an earthly Pilgrimage, Was visited by his Son Fofeth, who Bought with him Estrahim and Manaffa 100. When Ifrael law them, who are thefe faid he; The Sons, faid Joleph, God bath given me. Then Fareb ble's'd them, and his Sons did call. To thew to each what thould to them befal. Then giving Orders unto Joseph where, He would be bury'd, left with him that Care. Then yielded up the Choff upon his Bed, And to his People he was gathered. Then Joseph for his Burial did provide, And with a numerous Retinue did ride, Of his own Children and Egyptians 100, That they might their Respect to Joseph shew, And with a mighty Mourning did interold Jacob in his Father's Sepulchie.

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